

Amendments to the Claims:**Listing of Claims:**

1. (withdrawn)
2. (withdrawn)
3. (withdrawn)
4. (Currently Amended) Zinc acrylate ~~forming the~~ crystals ~~thereof~~ having a long axis of not less than $5\mu\text{m}$ and an aspect ratio in the range of 1 - 30.
5. (original) Zinc acrylate according to claim 4, further having a 50% particle diameter of not less than $6\mu\text{m}$.
6. (original) Zinc acrylate according to claim 4, wherein the ratio of passage of the crystals thereof through a sieve opening of 1 mm is not less than 90%.
7. (original) Zinc acrylate according to claim 4, wherein the solid disintegrating load of the crystals thereof is not more than 1.0 kg/cm^2 .
8. (original) Zinc acrylate according to claim 4, wherein the crystals thereof have a degree of compaction of not more than 50%.
9. (Previously amended) A zinc acrylate composition, comprising the zinc acrylate set forth in claim 4 and a zinc salt of a higher aliphatic acid of 12 - 30 carbon atoms.